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SUBJECT: Comments on CIA/ONE Draft Memorandum, "Possible Effects of Various Bombing Programs Against the DRV"

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Para. 6, line 3, --- after 20,000 sorties, insert --- "against targets in the DRV" ---

Given the small tonnages involved and the type of war being fought the sentence starting "It can be argued ---" is an extremely long term argument at best. Suggest its deletion.

Para. 8 -- The paragraph needs to be revamped. There is every reason to believe that at least the DRV expected a resumption of the attack to be on quite an intensified scale. It would seem therefore that failure to resume on the scale anticipated by the DRV would reinforce their belief that the US is still not determined enough and willing enough to take the steps really necessary to get on with the winning of the war. Accordingly, Option I has no chance at all of getting anyone to even think of the conference table.

Para. 9 -- Penultimate sentence: suggest deletion of phrase, "---though these contingencies still seem unlikely."

Para. 11 -- Although this may be an operational matter, the program in Option II would probably require some fairly drastic shifts (or increases in forces) in the allocation of strike capabilities from the present divisions between South Vietnam, the DRV, and Laos. Change 40,000 men to 80,000 men. Change 50,000 tons to 30,000 tons.

Para. 13, line 7, -- Change "certain planned operations" to "certain planned major offensive operations."

Para. 18, 3rd line from bottom -- Change dump to facility.

Para. 19 -- Change ending of last sentence to read, "---we estimate that less than one month's normal supply (15,000 tons) is in dispersed or concealed storage which have not been targeted."
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